

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Alton

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 15, 1903.

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REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk
and School Board.

OF THE

Town of Alton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15.

1903.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

ALONZO S. FRENCH, JOHN W. PROCTOR,
CHARLES H. DOWNING.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES H. McDUFFEE.

TREASURER.

LEWIS H. LAMPREY.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CHARLES L. PINKHAM.

AUDITORS.

WILLIS P. EMERSON, HERBERT J. JONES.

SUPERVISORS.

JOHN G. GERRISH, CHARLES F. CHESLEY,
GEORGE H. FIFIELD.

SCHOOL BOARD.

CHARLES H. McDUFFEE, CHARLES H. DOWNING,
AMY C. PLACE.

FIRE WARDS.

SAMUEL E. JONES, FRED H. DOWNING,
LEWIS H. LAMPREY.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

ALONZO P. HORNE, WILLIE E. SANBORN

POLICE.

JOHN M. BENNETT.

CONSTABLE.

GEORGE W. PLACE.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF ALTON.

Real estate, number of acres, 35,605; value			\$497,257 00
Personal estate, including polls,			119,975 00
Total value			\$617,232 00
	No.	Average.	
Polls,	351	\$100 00	\$35,100 00
Horses,	379	50 52	19,146 00
Oxen,	53	49 15	2,605 00
Cows,	501	25 44	12,748 00
Neat Stock,	308	16 68	5,139 00
Sheep,	290	3 10	901 00
Fowls,	85	50	43 00
Carriages,	19	55 26	1,050 00
Stock in public funds,			1,000 00
Stock in banks and corporations,			1,700 00
Stock in trade,			19,663 00
Aqueducts,			12,000 00
Mills and machinery,			7,100 00
Buildings not designated,			1,280 00
Money on deposit,			500 00
			\$119,975 00
Total amount of taxes raised,			\$13,887 27
State tax,		\$1,139 00	
County tax,		1,926 20	

School tax,	\$3,183 00	
Highway tax,	2,343 03	
Firemen's tax,	90 00	
Library tax,	190 40	
Town tax,	4,600 00	
Percentage,	415 64	
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Total		\$13,887 27
Tax on poll, \$2 25		

RECEIPTS.

Amount of taxes charged to collector,	\$13,887 27
Cash in treasury, Feb 15, 1902,	\$1,726 56
1897 tax due from collector,	1,587 72
1901 " " " "	977 09
Received of A S French for Belknap Co,	65 00
" " hall rent	33 00
" " Belknap Co,	7 00
" " hall rent,	3 00
" " Belknap Co,	187 17
C H McDuffee, dog license,	200 00
A S French for H S Colomy,	
tax and interest '98,	5 09
Received of A S French for Chas H	
Clough, tax and interest, '01,	70
A S French, hall rent,	13 00
" Abbie A Hutchins,	
tax and interest, '01,	3 41
A S French for Harry Lang, tax	
and interest, '01,	2 30
A S French for James F Collins,	
tax and interest, '01,	1 12
A S French for Belknap Co,	137 56
" " C S Glidden, tax	
and interest, 1900,	12 71

Received of A S French for Helen A Hurd,	
tax and interest, 1901,	\$ 6 00
A S French, hall rent,	6 00
" " "	26 66
" for Belknap Co,	142 33
" " hall rent,	6 00
" " railroad tax,	840 40
" " Savings bank	
tax,	808 78
A S French for literary fund,	106 00
" " school "	318 75
A S French for Horace E	
Glidden, tax and interest '01	2 30
A S French for S E P Gilman,	
tax and interest, 1900, '01	5 14
A S French for Henry F Muz-	
zey, tax and interest, '01	47 00
A S French for Belknap Co,	102 25
" " hall rent	19 00
" " rent of base-	
ment,	10 00
A S French for Belknap Co,	6 60
C H McDuffee, bal dog money,	52 60
" collector interest	32 82
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Total	\$21,388 33

EXPENDITURES.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Farmington News, printing ballots	\$ 6 00
Town of Farmington, use of derrick	10 00
Cordelia Woodman, note	400 00
" " interest	23 89
Record Co, printing town reports	35 20

Paid Edson C Eastman, collector's and order	
books	\$ 4 00
Sadie Currier, librarian	20 00
E R Wright, aid to tramp	1 00
Edson C Eastman, record book	90
Ira W Mitchell, interest on Nute fund . .	2 50
Gilbert & Barker, mantels for hall . .	3 60
Frank Gilson, aid to tramps	1 75
Waldo S Hurd, janitor 1901	50 00
“ sawing wood for hall	2 00
C E Fifield, decoration money	50 00
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, supplies for hall	1 16
Ida E Wells, watering tub, 1901	1 00
C H McDuffee, schools	1,000 00
Edson C Eastman, record book	12 00
Concord Foundry Co, grates and bases . .	8 40
Geo H Demeritt, library appropriation . .	125 00
B & M R R, freight	1 69
Gilbert & Barker, gasolene	13 52
Geo H Demeritt, bal library appropriation	65 40
Metalic Guide Board Co, guide boards . .	21 70
Sadie Currier, librarian	25 00
Waldo S Hurd, janitor	15 00
Alma E Bennett, interest on note	10 00
C H McDuffee, schools	500 00
Geo F Davis, hauling coal for hall 1901 .	3 00
W E Sanborn, cutting bushes	5 00
“ expenses board of health	3 00
J H Downing Co, drain pipe	179 50
C H McDuffee, schools	1,100 00
Sadie Currier, librarian	15 00
Ida E Wells, watering tub 1902	3 00
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co, hydrants . .	500 00
Geo E Furber, watering tub 1902	3 00
W H Berry, repair on road machine . . .	2 50

Paid E H Rollins, bridge plank	\$109 77
C H McDuffee, schools	300 00
Geo H Fifield, teams	3 50
Betsy J Flanders, dog damage 1902 . . .	3 50
Lewis E Avery, " " 1901 . . .	28 00
" " " 1902 . . .	52 50
C H Tibbetts, " " " . . .	5 00
Stephen Shannon, " "	14 00
Albert D Morse, " "	26 50
Hiram M Clark, " " 1901 . . .	16 50
C C Mooney, " "	8 50
E R Jenkins, " "	11 50
Clarissa Chamberlain, interest on note . .	26 83
Samuel Avery, dog damage	14 00
Fred S Gilman, " " 1901	7 50
" guide board post	2 50
P H Wheeler, births and deaths	7 50
J A Mooney, slabs for hall	3 00
D E Clough, work on hall	2 75
Gilbert & Barker, gasolene	11 88
Waldo S Hurd, janitor	15 00
" work	3 85
Solon A Carter, state tax	1,139 00
S B Cole, county tax	1,926 20
E R Wright, births and deaths	2 00
J H Downing Co, supplies	12 58
C H McDuffee, bal school money	884 52
Oscar E Duncan, blacksmith work	3 10
" clerk Hose 1	45 00
Laban G Welch, care of clock	15 00
" supplies	50
Geo S Bassett, treasurer, electric lights for watering tubs	25 00
A S French, supplies	3 33
" expenses	10 08

Paid A S French, recording inventory	\$15 00
" care of order book	5 00
" renting town hall	3 00
" settling pauper account	12 00
John W Proctor, supplies	6 88
J Jones & Son, "	20 09
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co, bal for hy- drants	280 00
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co, water for town hall	19 00
Alton & Alton Bay Water Co, stop and waste for hall	1 50
H J Jones, insurance on town hall	100 00
Geo W Place, wood for hall and lockup . .	8 00
" carting sand and gasolene	1 00
" lumber	23 14
" tramps	16 00
McDuffee & Peterson, work	5 00
W P Emerson, pung for Hose Co 2	2 00
W P Emerson, for Hose Co No 2	45 00
David H Morrison, watering tub 1902 . . .	3 00
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, supplies . . .	60
John M Bennett, tramps	2 00
" work	1 00
" collecting dog licenses	4 67
C H McDuffee, school supplies	262 90
C L Pinkham, return of marriages	1 25
E W Cummings, return of marriages . . .	75
A S French, endorsement on note	500 00
Martha J Sawyer, endorsement on note . .	500 00
Margaret A Wadleigh, " " "	500 00
Emeline R Avery, " " "	500 00
Samuel E Jones, supplies Hose Co's . . .	24 65
Thomas Cogswell, town counsel	15 00
Total	\$11,844 03

 PAUPERS.

Paid P H Wheeler, aid to Joseph Lamount, county	\$ 3 00
H P Evans, burial of " " "	18 50
P H Wheeler, aid to transient "	9 80
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, aid to J W Hayes, county	9 70
William H Morrill, aid to Mrs Brown, county	24 00
J Jones & Son, " Rosilla Blakely, "	3 74
" " J Lissant, "	80
" " John Ellis, "	3 00
" " J W Hayes, "	3 00
" " Clark Perkins, "	25 20
Downing & Co, " S B Flanders, "	13 50
H P Evans, burial Clark Perkins, "	21 43
Downing & Co, aid to S B Flanders, "	9 64
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, aid to J W Hayes, county	19 63
H P Evans, burial J W Hayes, "	22 50
J Jones & Son, aid to Abbie Perkins "	13 11
" " Rosilla Blakely "	3 68
Tamson Hill, " Charles Hayes town	14 00
" " " "	4 00
E O Prescott " " "	15 00
William H Morrill, aid Mrs Brown county	33 00
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, aid to J W Hayes, county	15 64
J Jones & Son, aid to Abbie Perkins, "	5 51
" " Rosilla Blakely, "	2 22
E R Wright, " E I Chamberlin, town	5 00
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, aid to E I Chamberlin, "	2 02
William H Morrill, aid to Mrs Brown, county,	12 00
G W Place, " Rosila Blakely, "	33 00

Paid Jones & Lamprey, aid	Mrs Brooks, county	\$12 00
J Jones & Son,	" " "	2 25
Jones & Lamprey,	" " "	4 50
J Jones & Son,	" " "	2 10
H P Evans, burial Addie Perkins,	"	5 00
George W Place, aid to Mrs C F Hayes, town		5 00
Demeritt, Varney & Doane, aid to Charles Hayes, town,		4 32
Total		<hr/> \$380 79

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid Cora B King,	county,	\$96 00
W P Emerson,	"	47 00
J H Downing Co,	"	110 00
H P Evans,	"	20 50
Melvin R Place,	"	15 00
Total		<hr/> \$288 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Frank W Muzzey, supervisor	\$ 7 00
Lewis H Lamprey, selectman 1901	3 00
John G Gerrish, supervisor 1901 and 2	14 00
Charles F Chesley, " "	7 00
John M Bennett, fire ward, 1901	5 00
C H W Jones, "	5 00
Charles F Chesley, supervisor, 1902	7 00
W C Sanborn, board of health	2 50
Frank W Muzzey, supervisor, 1902	7 00
John G Gerrish, " "	7 00
A P Horne board of health	2 00
Augustus B Currier, town clerk, 1901	5 00

Paid Fred H Downing, ballot inspector	\$ 9 00
A S French, moderator, 1901 and 2	6 00
C H Downing, " 1899 and 1900	6 00
A S French, selectman	74 00
" overseer of poor	15 00
C H Downing, selectman	71 00
J W Proctor, selectman	70 00
H J Jones, " 1901	2 50
George W Place, constable	8 00
Lewis P Varney, inspector, 1902	4 00
John M Bennett, police	4 00
" truant officer	1 00
" fire ward	4 00
C H McDuffee, town clerk	66 25
" inspector, March 1902	2 00
Amy C Place, member of school board	20 00
C H Downing, " "	20 00
C H McDuffee, " "	25 00
Lewis H Lamprey, treasurer	50 00
W P Emerson, auditor	3 00
H J Jones, "	3 00
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	\$535 25

WINTER WORK ON HIGHWAY, 1901 and 1902.

Ezekiel Hayes heirs	1 80
William Hayes	3 79
Frank Whitehouse	2 36
McDuffee & Peterson	30
Ira B Bennett	1 20
A H Hayes	1 50
George H Jones	1 50
H B Ricker	18 45

A E Lamprey	\$ 90
Geo W Lamprey	37
C W Rollins	90
C H Flanders	4 87
Maurice L Flanders	6 53
Samuel E P Gilman	6 38
Levi G Page	6 04
Calvin Rollins	24 75
Seth E Rollins	9 45
Edmund S Batchelder	9 75
Fred L Hurd	1 05
Willie H Rollins	1 65
Charles F Hatch	3 23
Irad B Gilman	15 53
Percy H Flanders	1 65
Moses W Flanders	1 80
Stephen H Flanders	98
Charles P Hayes	30
Luther B Place	7 92
Charles D Marston	3 75
Joseph B Wilson	1 88
John Ellis	2 03
John L Weeks	3 38
Percy H Walker	2 28
Robert A Frohock	18 45
Geo S Chamberlin	4 35
Jonathan L Rollins	10 50
Enos Whitehouse	3 00
Chas H Downing	11 34
Willis H Reynolds	7 92
Geo R Prescott	1 80
Samuel Stockbridge	83
John C Varney	3 30
Herman J Glidden	45
Jonathan H Downing	5 27

McDuffee & Peterson	\$14 92
Chas H W Jones	2 75
Chas H Jones	1 50
Hamilton Reynolds	1 39
John Tardy	2 77
Elbridge G Ellis	16 50
Alfred G Ellis	2 65
Willis E Glidden	7 69
David Lamper	17 77
Dana B Morse	18 90
Betsy L Flanders	3 22
Betsy L Frohock	10 10
Chas H W Jones	10 30
Melvin R Place	2 10
Joseph D Flanders	2 55
John L Weeks	2 00
Smith A Willard	15
Amanda Willard	45
Calvin S Glidden	7 89
Irving H Flanders	1 72
Hiram A Flanders	3 45
Fred S Gilman	15 30
Lewis E Avery	17 55
Ai T Gilman	6 15
Chas H Clough	6 98
Fred E Davis	3 25
John L Gerrish	3 00
Alonzo B Lang	6 50
Fred E Nutter	80
Charle G Drew	2 98
James B Woodman	4 20
Charles G Drew	3 20
Dana Bradley	45
John Crockett	45
Andrew J Pinkham	45

Mary C York	\$ 45
James W Goodall	4 04
Charles W Whitehouse	14 50
George N Rines	4 50
Alson E Rines	4 50
Charles C Rines	6 45
Charles Palmer	4 05
Frank Getchell	1 95
Harry E Whitehouse	7 05
Edward S Walker	2 85
David H Morrison	14 46
J N & G W Morrison	12 62
Joseph W Howard	11 45
Hadley G Gilman	3 60
Harry Morrison	4 75
Seth W Kimball	3 00
George W Place	31 65
Cyrus V Coffin	3 60
G Frank Glidden	2 70
George H Fifield	3 45
Herman Glidden	30
George W Gerrish	2 55
George Nute	1 50
Charles Hill	1 50
Alvin Dore	1 50
Hiram Pickering	1 35
Lando Shannon	3 60
S E Roberts	25 62
Frank Carpenter	6 45
Stephen Shagnon	9 67
E O Prescott	8 16
Charles Nutter	1 50
Elmer Watson	45
George W Horne	2 17
Charles H Tibbetts	6 75

Charles W Evans	\$11 75
Sylvester B Huckins	7 50
B F Furber & Son	5 63
C I Chamberlin	14 50
Velzora A Deland	5 09
Joseph E Berry	5 00
William H Berry	3 97
E K Jenkins	2 15
Eugene Goodwin	45
Lewis A Proctor	12 00
Chas E Hodgdon	12 75
Albert D Varney	1 35
John S Tufts	90
Seth C Walker	7 15
S D Watson	75
Chas A Barr	4 82
R B Hurd	27 75
Stephen Shagnon	3 30
John H Evans	4 35
Clement B Rines	5 77
H O Tuttle	3 08
John Berry	2 62
Nathaniel Phillips	3 95
Sumner Cotton	4 37
Alonzo Berry	4 27
Geo W Rollins	7 62
Leroy Woodman	3 37
Enos G Rollins	73 10
Andrew J Gilman	11 70
William S Watson	4 60
Geo A Rollins	10 26
John G W Jones	8 10
Frank D Morse	26 00
Aaron Young	5 62

Albert Ellis	\$ 3 22
Seth E Grant	2 18
H J Jones	6 38
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Total	\$949 57

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1902, . . .	\$ 1,726 56
Total receipts during the year, . .	17,189 38
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Total	\$18,915 94

DISBURSMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	\$17,414 30
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1903, . . .	1,501 64
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Total	\$18,915 94

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb, 1902,	\$ 18,328 67
Assets Feb. 15, 1902	4,324 87
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Debt of town Feb. 15, 1902	\$14,003 80
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1903	\$16,334 56
Assets Feb. 15, 1903	3,987 03
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Debt of town Feb. 15, 1903	\$12,347 53
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Decrease of debt during the year	\$1,656 27

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1902 . . .	1,726 56
Taxes received from collectors . .	10,589 34

Saving Bank tax	\$808 78	
Railroad tax	880 40	
Literary fund	106 00	
School fund	318 75	
Belknap County, for support of paupers	331 45	
Dog licenses	252 60	
Miscellaneous items	3,902 06	
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Total		\$18,915 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

County paupers	\$331 45	
Town "	49 34	
Town officers	535 25	
Highway summer work	2,440 78	
" winter "	949 57	
Damage by dogs	187 50	
Supplies for schools	262 90	
Support of "	3,784 52	
State tax	1,139 00	
County tax	1,926 20	
Firemen	90 00	
Memorial appropriation	50 00	
Town notes	2,400 00	
Interest on notes	60 72	
Abatements 1897 taxes	408 02	
" 1901 "	85 14	
" 1902 "	40 80	
Dependent soldiers and families	288 50	
Miscellaneous bills	2,384 61	
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Total		\$17,414 30
Excess of receipts over disbursements		\$1,501 64
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		\$18,915 94

 ASSETS.

Cash on hand Feb 15, 1903 . . .	\$1,501 64
1897 taxes uncollected in the hands of collector Feb 15, 1903 . . .	1,116 27
1902 tax uncollected in the hands of collector Feb 15, 1903 . . .	1,356 12
Due from Belknap Co	13 00
Total	<u>\$3,987 03</u>

 LIABILITIES.

Due sundry parties on notes . . .	\$16,018 13
“ schools, literary fund . . .	106 00
“ “ bal dog money . . .	60 43
Carrie B Nute fund	150 00
Total	<u>\$16,334 55</u>
Indebtedness of town	\$12,347 53

 DOG LICENSES.

Cash received for dog licenses	\$252 60
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 PAYMENTS.

Damage by dogs	187 50
Expense of collecting	4 67
Balance due schools	60 43
Total	<u>\$252 60</u>

The foregoing report contains a synopsis of our financial transactions the past official year, which we respectfully submit to the inhabitants of Alton.

The expense of repairing the highways exceeds the tax raised by about one hundred dollars. There has been carried

on the books of the town for several years as assets \$1,587.72, for taxes due the town for 1897. We have made abatements on these taxes to the amount of \$408.02, which sum was considered worthless with the exception of a few taxes sold to the town. The debt has been reduced the past year \$1,656.27. If no abatements had been made on these taxes, the reduction would have been \$2,064.29.

ALONZO S. FRENCH,	}	Selectmen of Alton.
JOHN W. PROCTOR,		
CHARLES H. DOWNING,		

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P EMERSON,	}	Auditors.
HERBERT J. JONES,		

Treasurer's Report.

1902.			
Mar 15	Balance cash in treasury	\$ 1,726 56	
Apr 15	Received of A S French, selectman . .	65 00	
26	“ A B Flanders collector '97	20 00	
May 5	“ A S French, selectman . .	33 00	
12	“ “ “	7 00	
June 14	“ C H McDuffee collector		
	1901	453 53	
	Received of C H McDuffee, interest	32 92	
	“ A S French, selectmen . .	3 00	
18	“ “ “	187 17	
28	“ C H McDuffee, dog license	200 00	
July 19	“ A S French, selectman . .	5 79	
31	“ C L Pinkham, collector . .	300 00	
Aug 19	“ “ “	400 00	
23	“ A S French, selectman . .	13 00	
26	“ C L Pinkham, collector . .	200 00	
Sept 2	“ A S French, selectman . .	6 83	
11	“ C L Pinkham, collector . .	200 00	
16	“ A S French, selectman . .	137 56	
18	“ C L Pinkham, collector . .	300 00	
Oct 6	“ “ “	200 00	
10	“ A B Flanders, collector '97	43 43	
	“ A S French, selectman . .	12 71	
14	“ C L Pinkham, collector	250 00	
20	“ A S French, selectman	10 00	
Nov 4	“ C L Pinkham, collector . .	500 00	

Nov 10	Received of A S French, selectman .	\$26 66
21	“ C L Pinkham, collector	400 00
25	“ “ “ .	350 00
26	“ A S French, selectman .	142 33
29	“ “ “ .	6 00
	“ C L Pinkham, collector .	300 00
Dec 1	“ “ “ .	300 00
3	“ A S French, selectman, railroad tax . . .	840 40
	Received of A S French, selectman, savings bank tax .	808 78
	Received of A S French, selectman, literary fund . .	106 00
	Received of A S French, selectman, school fund	318 75
10	“ C L Pinkham, collector .	1,000 00
13	“ “ “ .	200 00
1902.		
Jan 1	Received of A S French, selectman .	5 14
5	“ C L Pinkham, collector	100 00
14	“ “ “ .	125 00
14	“ A S French, selectman .	2 00
17	“ “ “ .	47 00
20	“ “ “ .	102 25
Feb 6	“ “ “ .	29 00
11	“ C H McDuffee, dog license	52 60
12	“ C L Pinkham, collector	175 00
	“ A S French, selectman .	6 60
13	“ C L Pinkham, collector .	3,800 00
Cash received		<hr/> \$14,553 21

CASH PAID OUT, AS PER ORDERS.

1902

Mar 15	Paid Cora B King	\$ 8 00
	Farmington News	6 50
17	Lafayette Woodman	423 89
	The Record Company	35 20
	Town of Farmington	10 00
	Frank W Muzzey	7 00
19	Edson C Eastman	4 00
21	Sadie A Currier	20 00

1902

Apr 5	Lewis H Lamprey	3 00
9	P H Wheeler	3 00
10	E R Wright	1 00
11	Edson C Eastman	90
14	Harry P Evans	18 50
15	Cora B King	8 00
17	John G Gerrish	14 00
	W P Emerson	7 00
23	Charles F Chesley	7 00
	Ira W Mitchell	2 50
May 3	Gilbert & Barker Mf'g Co	3 60
13	P H Wheeler	9 80
15	Cora B King	8 00
21	The J H Downing Co	40 00
26	Waldo S Hurd	50 00
	" "	2 00
30	Chas E Fifield	50 00
June 5	Franklin Gilson	1 75
7	Demeritt, Varney & Doane	9 70
	" "	1 16
	Ida E Wells	1 00
11	Wm H Morrill	24 00
	Cora B King	8 00

June 11	Paid John M Bennett	\$ 5 00
14	The J H Downing Co	13 50
21	Harry P Evans	21 43
27	C H McDuffee	1,000 00
	W P Emerson	9 00
28	S B Cole, county treasurer per receipt	500 00
July 3	Edson C Eastman per order	12 00
	Concord Foundry Co	8 40
10	Geo H Demeritt	125 00
14	C H W Jones	5 00
16	Cora B King	8 00
28	Boston & Maine R R	1 69
	Gilbert & Barker Mf'g Co	13 52
Aug 6	G H Demeritt	65 40
14	S B Cole, county treasurer, per receipt	463 10
15	Cora B King, per order	8 00
18	The Metallic Guide Board Co	21 70
Sept 5	The J H Downing Co	32 00
	"	9 64
9	Sadie A Currier	25 00
13	Demeritt, Varney & Doane	19 63
15	Cora B King	8 00
16	Harry P Evans	22 50
Oct 4	Waldo S Hurd	15 00
6	W P Emerson	13 00
8	Alma E Bennett	10 00
11	Tamison Hill	14 00
18	"	4 00
25	E O Prescott	5 00
31	C H McDuffee	500 00
Nov 1	G F Davis	3 00
8	Wm H Morrill	33 00
13	Cora B King	8 00

Nov	14	Paid The J H Downing Co	\$20 00
	15	E O Prescott	10 00
	17	J Jones & Son	35 74
		"	13 11
		"	3 68
		Cora B King	8 00
		H P Evans	20 50
	22	Chas F Chesley	7 00
		W E Sanborn	10 50
	24	The J H Downing	179 50
	28	Melvin R Place	15 00
Dec	3	Solan A Carter, state tax per re- ceipt	1,139 00
	11	S B Cole county treasurer	963 10
		E R Wright	5 00
	13	Cora B King	8 00
	14	W P Emerson	9 00
		C H McDuffee	1,100 00
	18	Sadie A Currier	15 00
	22	Frank W Muzzey	7 00
	27	J Jones & Son	7 73
		H J Jones	500 00
		Geo E Furber	3 00
		Ida E Wells	3 00
		John G Gerrish	7 00
		W H Berry	2 50
	30	E H Rollins	109 77
	31	C H McDuffee	300 00
1903			
Jan	6	Clarissa Chamberlain	26 83
		Geo H Fifield	3 50
	12	Lewis E Avery	80 50
	22	Chas H Tibbetts	5 00
		Hiram M Clark	16 50
		C R Jenkins	11 50

Jan 12	Paid William H Morrill	\$12 00
13	Cora B King	8 00
	Samuel Avery	14 00
15	Fred S Gilman	7 50
16	The Downing Co	18 00
17	Geo W Place	33 00
19	Jones & Lamprey	12 00
28	W P Emerson	9 00
	J A Mooney	3 00
	Gilbert & Barker M'fg Co	11 88
	S Waldo Hurd	3 85
	"	15 00
Feb 5	David E Clough	2 75
6	H P Horne	2 00
11	Betsy J Flanders	3 50
	Stephen Shagnon	14 00
	Albert D Morse	26 50
	Fred S Gilman	2 50
	E R Wright	2 00
	The J H Downing Co	12 58
	Fred H Downing	9 00
Feb 11	Oscar Duncan	3 10
	" "	45 00
	Laban G Welch	15 50
	G S Bassett	25 00
	H P Evans	5 00
	J Jones & Son	2 25
	"	2 10
	"	20 09
	Alton & Alton Bay Water Co	300 50
	H J Jones	102 50
	Cora B King	8 00
	Jones & Lamprey	4 50
	Alonzo S French	6 00
	Chas H Downing	6 00

Feb 11	Paid	Alonzo S French	\$137 41
		Chas H Downing	71 00
		John W Proctor	76 88
		A B Currier	5 00
		Geo W Place	8 00
		"	1 00
		"	23 14
		"	5 00
		"	16 00
		"	8 00
		C H McDuffee	884 52
12		C C Mooney	8 50
		P H Wheeler	7 50
		L P Varney	4 00
		J W Howard	3 00
13		McDuffee & Peterson	5 00
		W P Emerson	2 00
		"	45 00
		David H Morrison	3 00
		John M Bennett	16 67
		C L Pinkham	1 25
		E W Cummings	75
		Amy G Place	20 00
		C H Downing	20 00
		L H Lamprey	50 00
		C H McDuffee	66 25
		"	2 00
		"	262 90
		"	25 00
14		Samuel E Jones	24 65
		Demeritt, Varney & Doane	15 64
		"	2 02
		"	4 32
		"	60
		Margaret A Wadleigh	500 00

Feb 14 Paid Emeline R Avery	\$500 00
Martha J Sawyer	500 00
A S French	500 00
W P Emerson	3 00
H J Jones	3 00
Thomas Cogswell	15 00
Total	<u>\$13,051 57</u>
Balance in treasury	\$1,501 64
Total	<u>\$14,553 21</u>

LEWIS H. LAMPREY Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P. EMERSON, }
HERBERT J. JONES, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The school board respectfully submit for your consideration their seventeenth annual report.

A supervisory district of Alton, Durham, Newmarket and Stratham is being maintained under the supervision of Geo. H. Whitcher, whose report appears elsewhere, with time and salary allotted as follows:

	Time	Salary.
Stratham,	2-20	4-40
Durham,	3-20	6-40
Newmarket,	7-20	15 40
Alton,	8-20	15-40

We feel that our schools are doing proficient work throughout the town, and if we wish to have good schools, should be continued under our present system.

The balance in the treasurer's hands includes eight months' salary to the superintendent and five weeks' salary to the teachers of the high school.

C. H. McDUFFEE,	}	School Board of Alton
C. H. DOWNING,		
AMY E. PLACE,		

SCHOOL	TERM	WEEKS	TEACHER	Whole number of Pupils
High and Grammar	Spring	11	Isaac Copp, Nora E Meserve	
*High	Fall	16	Isaac Copp, Florence W Wheeler	26
Grammar	"	16	Nora E Meserve	35
Primary	Spring	11	Phoebe E Stone	
"	Fall	16	Gertrude M Hart	38
Bay	Spring	11	Grace George	
	Fall	16	" "	21
McDuffee	Spring	11	L Helen Dunham	
	Fall	16	Emie O Davis	11
Gilman's Corner	Spring	11	Annie I Hanley	
	Fall	16	Florence Pendexter	9
Loon Cove	Spring	11	Cora B Fitz	
	Fall	16	Nellie S Place	7
Mountain	Spring	11	Lois D Beck	
	Fall	16	" "	21
West Alton	Spring	11	Minnie P Morrill	
	Fall	16	" "	7
Gore	Spring	11	Mary E Page	
	Fall	16	Bernice H Lang	9
Clough	Spring	13	Grace M Higgins	
	Fall	16	Millie Comings	19

*A ten week term of the High school is now in progress.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of district treasurer	
Feb 15, 1902	\$ 876 65
Raised by tax for support of schools .	2,402 50
Literary fund	124 44
Dog tax	138 83
For high school	300 00
For superintendent (town)	300 00
" state	318 75
Barnstead school district	33 50
Repairs	200 00
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Total	\$4,694 67

EXPENSES.

Paid teachers' salaries including	
board	\$2,887 85
Fuel and fitting same	79 17
Repairs	318 22
Superintendent	512 48
Miscellaneous	218 93
Balance in hands of treasurer	678 02
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Total	\$4,694 67

C. H. McDUFFEE,	}	School Board
C. H. DOWNING,		of
AMY E. PLACE,		Alton

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WILLIS P. EMERSON,	}	Auditors.
HERBERT J. JONES		

Alton, N. H., Feb. 14, 1903.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED.

1902		
Feb 15	Balance in treasury	\$ 876 65
May 3	Received of Barnstead school district	33 50
June 14	Received of Lewis H Lamprey .	1,000 00
Nov 1	"	500 00
Dec 11	"	1,100 00
1903		
Jan 1	"	300 00
Feb 10	"	884 52
Total		<u>\$4,694 67</u>

CASH PAID OUT.

1902		
Feb 21	Paid Isaac Copp	\$60 00
26	Fred S Gilman	2 44
Mar 15	Geo H Whitcher	50 00
21	Isaac Copp	60 00
	Nora E Meserve	108 00
31	Arah F Jones	1 00
	George W Horne	9 15
Apr 15	Geo H Whitcher	50 00
	Mrs C H Jones	2 50
	Henry H Emerson	8 45
18	American Express Co	55

Apr	19	Paid Mrs Chas P Hayes	\$ 2 00
	24	Isaac Copp	30 00
	26	New Durham school district	31 50
	29	F W Neal	7 00
May	2	Newmarket Elec Lt P & H Co	2 10
	9	The Downing Co	84 58
		Isaac Copp	30 00
	15	Geo H Whitcher	50 00
	20	John M Bennett	35 00
		Grace I George	20 00
June	6	Isaac Copp	60 00
	10	Carrie M Fowler	12 95
	11	F W Muzzey	7 01
	27	Isaac Copp	45 00
		Isaac Copp	5 00
		Minnie P Morrill	66 00
		L Helen Dunham	71 50
		Grace M Higgins	84 50
		Nora E Meserve	99 00
		George H Whitcher	100 00
	28	Grace I George	68 00
		Mary E Page	66 00
		Cora B Fitz	66 00
		Annie I Hanley	64 80
		Phæbe E Stone	81 60
		Lois D Burke	82 50
July	2	Mrs Clarence J Morrill	54 00
	21	Harrison B Ricker	13 75
	28	Geo H Whitcher	50 00
Aug	23	Mrs Herbert I Ricker	2 00
Sept	12	G H Whitcher	53 12
		M W Ellis	4 87
	18	Mrs Chas W Emerson	7 57
	22	Isaac Copp	30 00
	30	Gertrude M Hart	25 50

Oct	2	Paid Charles H Jones	\$ 4 00
		Geo H Whitchee	53 12
		Grace I George	32 00
	3	Henry Evans	1 75
	4	Seldon H Glidden	15 00
	13	Elbridge G Ellis	2 18
		James B Place	13 80
		Florence W Wheeler	40 00
	16	Isaac Copp	60 00
	17	Gertrude M Hart	25 50
	30	Grace I George	32 00
Nov	1	Nellie S Place	60 00
	3	David E Clough	14 50
		Florence W Wheeler	40 00
	5	Gertrude M Hart	25 50
	13	G H Whitchee	53 12
	17	Mrs C H Jones	2 00
	21	Florence W Wheeler	30 00
		Isaac Copp	75 00
		Edward S Walker	24 00
	24	The J H Downing Co	12 79
	25	Gertrude M Hart	17 00
		Seldon Glidden	2 00
Dec	11	Grace I George	48 00
		Isaac Copp	30 00
		Geo H Whitchee	53 12
	12	Millie M Comings	96 00
	13	Bernice H Lang	96 00
		Lois D Beck	128 00
	15	Emie O Davis	112 00
	17	Florence Pendexter	96 00
	19	Arthur L Gilman	50
		Ada Gilman	2 00
	20	Minie P Morrill	96 00
		Seth H Kimball	35 50

Dec	20	Paid Nellie S Place	\$36 00
		Florence W Wheeler	30 00
	53	Mrs O D Glidden	2 50
		Grace I George	16 00
	24	Isaac Copp	15 00
		Harrison B Ricker	15 50
		Nora E Meserve	144 00
		Gertrude M Hart	42 50
	30	F W Muzzey	9 55
	1903		
Jan	1	David E Clough	3 25
	10	E G Ellis	9 86
	16	Florence W Wheeler	30 00
	28	Isaac Copp	60 00
	29	F D Morse	6 00
	31	R B Hurd	4 37
Feb	3	Gilmanton school district . .	8 50
	7	Isaac Copp	30 00
		W P Emerson	1 18
	9	Fred S Gilman	3 50
		The J H Downing Co	1 40
		Jones & Lamprey	2 70
		Edward E Babb & Co	10 69
		The J L Hammett Co	13 25
		John M Bennett	38 75
	12	Demeritt, Varney & Doane . .	4 04
		J Jones & Son	30 61
		Seth E Rollins	8 00
	13	C H McDuffee	3 27
		Oscar Duncan	1 40
		George W Place	54 59
		Calvin Rollins	12 32
		Florence W Wheeler	40 00
		George F Hall	15 75
		Isaac Copp	15 00

Feb 13 Paid John C Flanders	\$2 50
Wm B Jenness	1 35
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Cash received	\$4,694 67
Cash paid out	4,016 65
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Balance in treasury	\$678 02

C. H. McDUFFEE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIS P. EMERSON, }
HERBERT J. JONES, } Auditors

Alton, N. H., Feb. 14, 1903.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Gentlemen:—The following brief report is intended to give a general idea of the work done during the past twelve months.

The marked improvement in the schools outside the village is the most noticeable result of the year's work. This has been brought about in part by the good fortune of the school authorities in securing teachers of experience for several of these schools; and, for the others, teachers who have been willing and anxious to make use of modern methods. The result has been exceedingly gratifying. Another reason that may have contributed is the fact that the superintendent has devoted most of his time to these smaller outside schools. This has been possible because the village schools have been in the hands of experienced teachers who were familiar with the conditions and in touch with the methods now in use; and while closer supervision would have been advantageous, yet the time spent in the district schools has been profitable to the town as a whole because it has resulted in uniformly good work. During the year I have made 184 school visits, and during the fall term just past have visited each country school five times.

In general the schools are in good working order. Pupils are rapidly acquiring the habit of seeing, thinking and expressing; books no longer are allowed to stand in the way of a natural development of the mind; and freedom in observing nature, seeing essential relations in mathematics, and in oral and written expression are the result. Pupils are less formal, stiff, unnatural, and lean less on teacher and text book for support. All of these things are commendable, and are sure

to result in keener observers, more accurate thinkers and more fluent talkers and writers. The essential characteristic of education today is self-activity. The pupil sees, thinks, infers and states his inferences. In the past the teacher has done about all the seeing, most of the thinking, and practically the whole of the talking, and has told the pupils what they ought to know and how they ought to express their knowledge.

The pupil has been essentially a blank wax phonograph record. He has come to school supposedly knowing nothing, and having almost no power. The teacher has talked to his ear, and like the wax blank he has recorded her words, and on occasion given them back if he has not forgotten them. This kind of work, though having the form of knowledge, lacks the substance. There is room for much improvement of course and always will be, but the start has been made and rapid progress is possible if the path laid out by such men as President Eliot, Dr. Dewey, the late Colonel Parker, and a score of others, is followed.

The superintendent desires to express his appreciation of the fact that in Alton no opposition has been encountered from any source. Not all that he has done has been satisfactory of course, nor could this be expected, but the public has been willing to wait for results. The school board has invariably supported and aided his efforts, and teachers and pupils have cooperated cheerfully and efficiently.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my personal gratitude to the chairman of the board for the exceedingly valuable aid he has extended. He it was who first organized the school work in your town, so that when I came to take up my duties I found the preliminary work well under way, and during the whole of my term of service I have had his cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. WHITCHER, Superintendent.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR ALTON.

SCHOOLS BELOW HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole number boys enrolled	131
“ “ girls “	109
Total	<u>240</u>
Average membership	183
Average attendance	165
Per cent of attendance	90.53
Number of teachers	11
Highest salary paid per month	\$36 00
Lowest “ “ “ “	24 00
Average “ “ “ “	27 27
Average current expense per pupil	15 58
Number of weeks of school	27
Greatest number of pupils in any school	32
Least “ “ “ “ “	4
Rate of tax for school purposes0053
Number of pupils not absent during year	5
“ visits by school board	32
“ “ “ superintendent	184

ENUMERATION STATISTICS.

Number of boys between 5 and 16	99
“ girls “ “	82
Total	<u>181</u>

HIGH SCHOOL.

Salary of principal per month	\$60 00
“ assistant “ “	40 00
Total	<u>\$100 00</u>
Girls enrolled	11
Boys “	15
Total	<u>26</u>
Students residing out of town	3

State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Alton, qualified to vote in district affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said district, on Saturday, March 14, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:—

I To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

II To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

III To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

IV To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

V To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.

VI To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for repairs.

VII To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of the winter term of the high school.

VIII To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of a superintendent of schools, agreeably to Chapter 77, Section 3, of the Public Statutes.

IX To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise to put a furnace in the village school (by request).

X To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise to fix a laboratory for the high school (by request)

Given under our hands at said Alton, this 17th day of February, 1903.

C. H. MCDUFFEE,	}	School Board
C. H. DOWNING,		of
AMY E PLACE,		Alton.

Library Report.

To the citizens of Alton, your library trustees respectfully submit the following report:

DR.

To cash on hand Feb 15, 1902	\$ 6 78
To cash from town treasurer	190 40
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Total	\$197 18

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By cash paid for arranging and printing catalogue	\$68 00
By cash paid Perkins Book Co, books	99 77
" " Jordan, Marsh & Co, books	10 79
" " freight on books	1 47
" " supplies	2 35
" " postage and money orders	65
By balance on hand Feb 15, 1903	14 15
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Total	\$197 18

Number of books in library	2,125
Number of books loaned for the year	5,460

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. DEMERITT, OLIVER J. M. GILMAN, ALONZO S. FRENCH,	}	Library Trustees.
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